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In re Application of:
Danner *et al.* : NOTICE OF NON-ENTRY
Application No. 09/893,709 : OF PROTEST
Filed: June 29, 2001 : UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.291
For: Spectral Ellipsometer Having a Refractive
Illuminating Optical System :

A public protest filed on October 7, 2002, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.291(a) in the above-identified application is before the Group Director for consideration.

The protest is untimely and will not be entered in the application file.

The above-identified application was published on February 28, 2002. 37 C.F.R. § 1.291(a) provides that a protest will be entered into the application file if the protest was filed prior to the date the application was published or the mailing of a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, whichever occurs first. In this case, the protest was filed after the date of publication of the application and in duplicate. Consequently, the protest will not be entered into the application file and the original protest papers are included herewith pursuant to the MPEP § 1901.06 section entitled "Protest Filed after Allowance or the Publication of the Application," item B. The duplicate copy of the protest has been discarded.

This decision will be made of record in the application file.

Inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Ed Glick, Special Programs Examiner, at (703) 308-4858.

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